MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE

LAST MAN AT ARLINGTON.
Joseph Di Mona. Arthur Fields Books (Dutton, dist.), $7.95
This fast-moving suspense story starts with a note addressed to George Wil-

[illegible] Justice Department, it states that to commemorate the [illegible] anniversary of Dr. X's death, [illegible] will die. The first name on the list of [illegible] and one woman, apparently unrelated, is George Williams's own. How he tries to prevent these deaths and, above all, to find the motive for them, makes a gripping plot. The assassin, whose actions the reader follows along with those of Williams, kills two of the men, but Williams is able to prevent the third killing in the nick of time. The basic elements of the tale are excellent, but, moving back and forth in time, with alias piled on alias, the author packs in too much topical material--from the Bay of Pigs to a massacre in Vietnam, bringing it all up to date with oblique references to Watergate. Can be recommended for excitement; the action never palls, even though the narrative goes a bit maudlin finally. [*October 22*]